

## FRISCO GREET'S FLEET; 46 WARSHIPS IN LINE

Million Persons See Evans Lead  
Biggest Modern Squadron  
Into Port.

### SEC. METCALF REVIEWS CRAFT

Combined Atlantic and Pacific Ves-  
sels Enter as Gun Boom and  
Carnival Begins.

Saluted by the guns of the Presidio, cheered by scores of thousands of men and women, greeted by the blasts of countless whistles, the Atlantic fleet swept into the harbor of San Francisco shortly after noon Wednesday. Four months and twenty days out from Hampton Roads, the fleet thus successfully completed the first leg of the round-the-world cruise.

The demonstration with which the fleet was welcomed was one of the most noteworthy which has ever occurred on the Pacific coast. Every hill, tall building, army reservation, park space, coastal precipice and wharf surrounding the Golden Gate and the shores of the spacious bay was massed black with people whose voices rose in roar after roar of cheering. It is estimated that at least a million onlookers were gathered to watch the fleet's entry.

The harbor itself was jammed with excursion steamers, sailing vessels, yachts, rowboats and miscellaneous craft, all gay with flags and each giving vociferous greeting by whistle or by the hurrahing of its crew.

From the city proper came the chiming of all San Francisco's bells, while above the whole outburst of acclaim the cannon of the Presidio boomed slowly the salute of the American navy to the American navy. The navy meanwhile officially welcomed the navy through Secretary Metcalf, whose white-anchored, four-starred blue flag fluttered from the gunboat Yorktown.

The marine picture afforded by the ships was one beautiful in the extreme. In all there were forty-six vessels in the line which threaded its way up the harbor. The Atlantic fleet of sixteen battleships and six destroyers, which had made the voyage from Hampton Roads, held, of course, the place of honor. With them were the eight supply boats and tenders which had also made the 14,000-mile cruise. As an escort for these thirty ships steamed the nine armored cruisers and five destroyers of the Pacific fleet, as well as the battleships Wisconsin and Nebraska, which joined the Atlantic fleet there for the remainder of the cruise around the world.

#### Evans Leads Procession.

At the head of this formidable fleet steamed Admiral Evans' flagship, the Connecticut. The admiral stood on the after bridge of that famous flagship as she led the way through the harbor gate.

After the flagship there followed at equal distances and in single column the seven other vessels of the first squadron, the Kansas, Vermont, Louisiana, Georgia, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Virginia, with the new recruit to the Atlantic fleet, the Nebraska. After the first squadron sailed the two divisions of the second, the flagship Minnesota, with Rear Admiral Thomas on the bridge, and the Ohio, Missouri, Maine, Alabama, Illinois, Kearsarge and Kentucky, with the other newcomer, the Wisconsin.

After these eighteen battleships came the six destroyers of the Atlantic fleet, the vessels of the Pacific fleet and the supply boats and tenders of Admiral Evans' command. The ships as they sailed into the bay were dressed only at the mastsheads, big American flags flying at fore and after trucks and at the peak of the gaffs.

The blue flag of Admiral Evans on the Connecticut was followed by the red flags of six subordinate rear admirals, even Admiral Dayton himself pulling down his blue flag as commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet and substituting the red ensign.

Pressing to anchor, the ships steamed in review before Secretary Metcalf, the Connecticut firing a salute of seventeen guns. When the last of the ships had swung into four long anchorage columns a signal from the flagship sent the fluttering lines of multi-hued flags flying to the mastsheads, and the ships were at full dress during the remainder of the afternoon.

#### ALL AROUND THE GLOBE.

The agricultural appropriation bill carries a total of \$11,518,806.

Gov. Sheldon of Nebraska received at Lincoln a government warrant for \$5,227 for the officers of the Third Nebraska regiment which Col. W. J. Bryan commanded in the war with Spain.

Nora May French's poem, "Suicide," claimed a third victim in New York when Rosalee Peck pulled a pistol trigger and sent a bullet into his heart as he lay on a bench in Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

Walter H. Ham, ex-treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Boston, Mass., who was serving a sentence in the Massachusetts State prison of fifteen to twenty years for the larceny of \$214,000, died.

The legislative committee of the Minnesota Automobile Association proposes that a tax of from \$10 to \$20 be levied by the State on each machine and the proceeds applied to building good roads.

"OH! SPRING, SPRING, THE BEAUTIFUL SPRING TIME."



### THE COST OF LIVING.

China, India and France Are Affected  
Like Ourselves.

The outcry against the increased cost of present-day living, as compared with the figures of a few years back, is not limited to the United States, says a Washington correspondent. The rate of prices upward has been going on in far corners of the world. One issue of the Daily Consular Reports, which are published by the bureau of manufactures, showed startling increases in three widely separated sections.

At Tsingtau, China, it was possible ten years ago to employ excellent "boys" at \$3.50 to \$5, gold, a month; cooks from \$4.50 to \$6, and the general house coolies for \$2.50 and \$3. At the present time the "boys" receive \$13, gold; cooks, \$10 to \$15; coolies, \$5 and \$6, and children's Chinese nurses demand \$15 a month and their food. Rents have doubled in the ten years.

Consul general William H. Michael supplies figures on increases of food prices at Calcutta within the last two years. He says: "Beef has gone up 33 1/2; mutton 100 per cent. Flour has advanced 20, eggs 15, vegetables 25, coal and coke 28 and milk 20 per cent."

### FREAKS OF STORM AS TOLD IN DISPATCHES.

At Purvis, Miss., where sixty-two bodies were found, a 3-year-old child was found immediately after the cyclone standing in front of the postoffice ruins unharmed. Its identity is not known.

Near Church Hill, Miss., a negro baby was caught in the wind, carried 300 yards and deposited in a swamp unharmed. An aged negro woman was whirled into the air and her head almost severed by flying timbers before she fell in a cotton field 100 yards from where her cabin had stood. The body of a little negro boy was found in a field with a piece of timber driven through the heart.

Houses were lifted bodily in the air at Purvis, Miss., and carried along for great distances and then dropped a mass of wreckage. G. G. Aury and his wife had a remarkable escape in one of these aerial flights. He was practically unharmed, but his wife sustained serious injuries. W. G. Mayhew, the station agent, also sailed through the air in the depot and escaped unharmed.

In Concordia Parish, La., a negro boy was found almost wrapped around a tree, his left leg being broken in four places and his right arm broken. His mother and two sisters were killed. His father is dying from a fractured skull and four of his brothers are also fatally injured. The usual freaks were played by the

### STORMS IN THE SOUTH.



Map of the Gulf States Showing Widely Scattered Districts Hit by Tornadoes. Areas Stricken Are Indicated by Shading.

Consul Chapman Coleman writes from Roubaix, France: "The following advance of prices in percentages during the last five years, from 1902 to 1907, may be noted: Bread, 15; beef, 22; veal, 14; mutton, 25; pork, 27; butter, 14; cheese, 25; vegetables 15 to 30; pastry, 25; oil, 15; coal, 34; charcoal, 24; coffee and chocolate, 25. The greatest increase, 50, is for fish, and the smallest, 10, for candles and petroleum."

#### Protest Meeting Unmolested.

With about 200 of the New York police force present, some in uniform and others in plain clothes, a meeting of the Socialists was held to protest against the brutality of these same police in preventing the Union Square meeting of the unemployed the week before. Algernon Lee, editor of the New York Socialist, who presided, said they were glad to have the police hear what was thought of them. Morris Hilquit gave notice to all the forces of reaction that in trying to make the incident the pretext for a campaign of slander against the Socialist movement they had undertaken a fruitless and silly task. All the speakers said the police clubbing had made many recruits for the Socialist cause.

#### Can't Indict Traction Jugglers.

The special grand jury at New York, which has investigated the charges against Thomas F. Ryan and other officers of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company in connection with the purchase of the Brooklyn paper railway from Anthony Brady, reports the facts of an amazing juggle of funds in which vast sums were disbursed to both political parties and admits the dishonesty of these acts, but finds that under the laws in force at the time of the acts no crime was committed technically.



The spring meet at Benning track was a great success.

First Baseman Arthur Brown of the St. Louis Americans has been sold to Milwaukee, where he will supplant Jack Flynn, who refused to report.

Race track gambling at Benning, the Mecca of sports and bookmakers in the spring and fall, is no more. In less than four minutes the Senate passed a bill making it unlawful to lay wagers on any event in the District of Columbia, even when the "peripatetic" system of bookmaking is followed.

Battling Nelson has signed articles to fight forty-five rounds with "Boer" Unholz before a San Francisco club.

Sir Wooster, the grand looking son of Arlington and Lady Wooster, won the great steeplechase at Benning, pulling up from Bloodstone and Beldemo, which finished second and third, respectively, and four others.

At Oakland, Cal., Cabin, J. H. Brannon's old gelding, won the San Rafael handicap. He covered the mile and one-eighth in 1:51 3/5, or 3-5 of a second less than the track record, without extending himself in the least.

## FIFTEEN VICTIMS DIE IN BIG MURDER PLOT

Finding of Nine Bodies in Yard  
Reveals Mysterious Wholesale  
Killings.

### WOMAN CALLED A BLUEBEARD

Supposed Death of Herself and Chil-  
dren in Fire Only Adds to  
the Puzzle.

Wholesale murder—murder more ruthlessly premeditated and diabolically executed than the famous Holmes castle crimes in Chicago—was revealed at Laporte, Ind., Tuesday when five mutilated bodies were dug up in the back yard of the home of Mrs. Bella Guinness, who, together with her three children, are supposed to have met death when their house burned one week before.

Fifteen persons already have a place on the list of known or probably slain, and circumstances point to Mrs. Guinness as the arch-conspirator in at least twelve of the crimes. Until this time it

### CHRONOLOGY OF INDIANA MULTI-MURDER MYSTERY.

Made Albert Sorenson, Austin, Ill., dies mysteriously (1900). His widow collects \$8,500 insurance.

Candy store at Elizabeth street and Grand avenue, Chicago, owned by Sorenson, burns. Insured.

Two peculiar fires in Austin home. Insurance collected.

Widow marries Joe Guinness. Moves to Laporte farm. Adopts Jennie Olson. Guinness killed (1904). Widow says meat cleaver fell on his head. Collects \$3,500 insurance.

Ray Lamphere goes to work for Mrs. Guinness as hired man.

Widow sets dogs on visitors.

Neighbors see lanterns on farm at 2 a. m.

Jennie Olson disappears. Real parents are told she is in Los Angeles school, but can not find her (1906).

Andrew Helgelein, Aberdeen (S. D.), answers matrimonial ad, and arrives at Laporte farm. Loans Mrs. Guinness \$1,500. Disappears with like amount in pocket. Widow says he went to Norway.

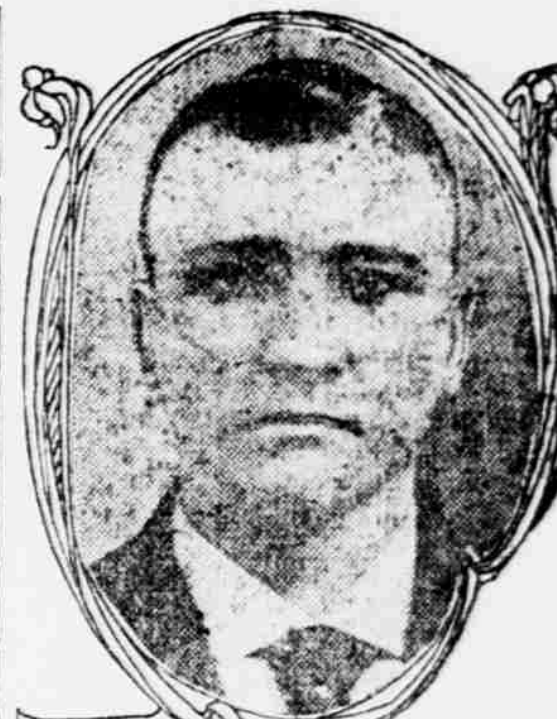
Mrs. Guinness (1907) tells sheriff strange man killed a child in woods near farm. Sheriff finds only empty grave.

Ray Lamphere arrested for annoying Mrs. Guinness.

Widow tells lawyer (April 25) that Lamphere intends to kill her. Draws up will.

Home burns April 26. Bodies of three children and headless woman found in ruins.

Lamphere arrested in hollow tree, hiding.



ANDREW HELGELIN



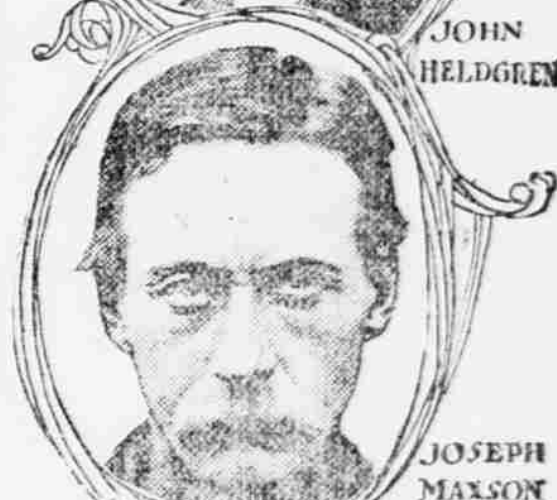
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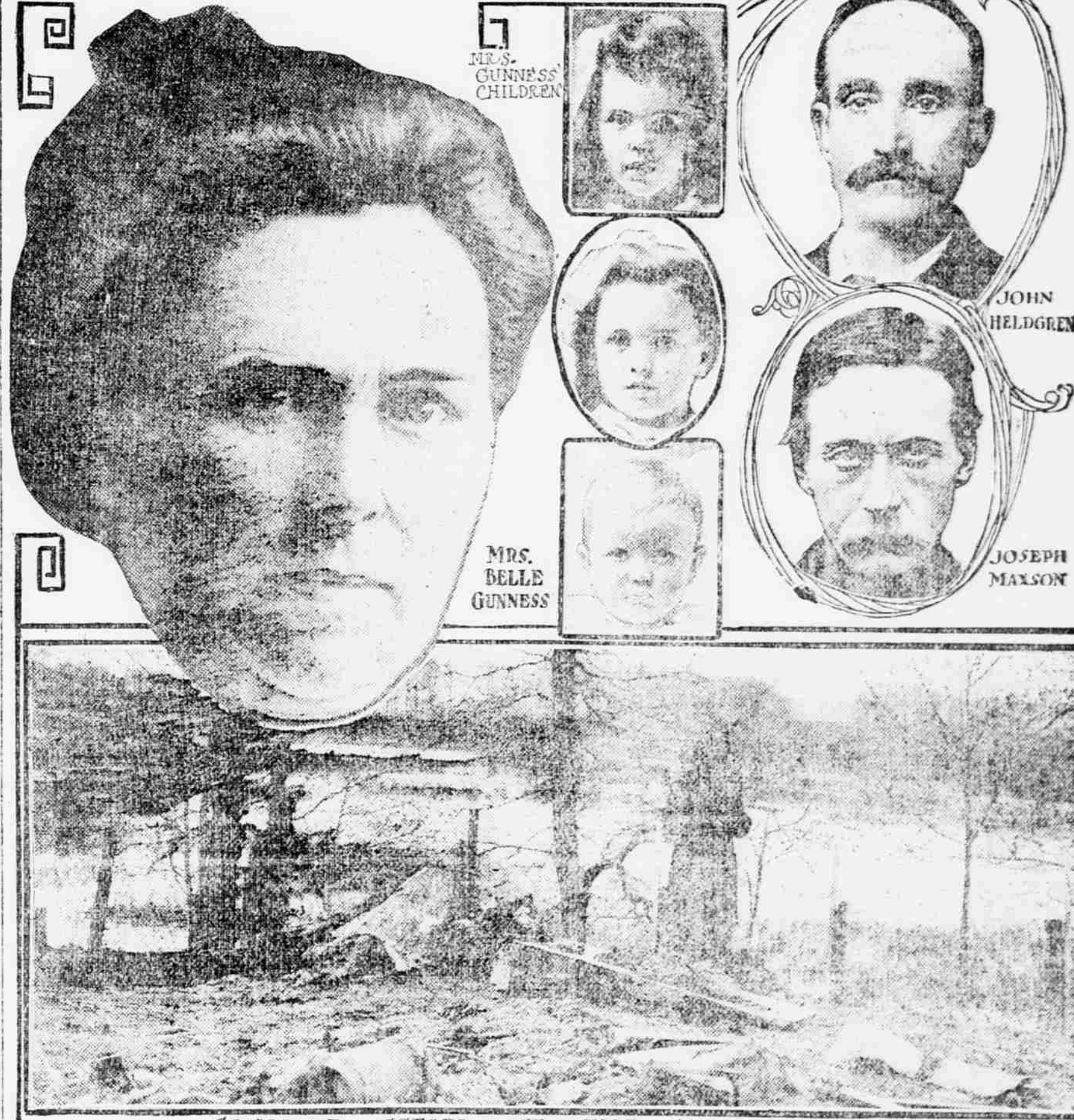
JENNIE OLSEN



JOHN HELGELIN



JOSEPH MAXSON



GENERAL SCENE OF THE CRIME.

had been accepted as true that she and her three children had met death in the fire that destroyed their home, but now the suspicion arises that the bodies that were found in the smoldering ruins were brought from some hospital or medical school for the purpose of creating the belief that Mrs. Guinness and her family had passed from existence.

#### List of Known Victims.

Helgelein, Andrew, 40 years old, bachelor, Aberdeen, S. D.; suitor for Mrs. Guinness' hand, who came to Laporte in January and disappeared one month later after loaning the woman \$1,500; body dug up to-day.

Guinness, Jennie Olson, 16 years old, adopted daughter of Mrs. Guinness; disappeared in September, 1906, ostensibly to attend school at Los Angeles; body dug up to-day.

Unidentified man, believed by Sheriff Smulzer to have been an admirer of the woman.

Unidentified boy, apparently 5 years old; mutilated body in gunnysack.

Unidentified girl, about 7 years old; mutilated body in gunnysack.

Guinness, Joseph, husband of Mrs. Guinness, whose death at Laporte four years ago had always remained a mystery.

Sorenson, Mads, woman's first husband, who died under mysterious circumstances in Chicago eight years ago.

Guinness, Mrs. Bella, believed to have been burned to death in fire which destroyed her home.

Sorenson, Myrtle, 11 years old, eldest daughter of Mrs. Guinness; thought to have perished in the fire.

Sorenson, Lucy, 9 years old, another daughter; also believed to have been a victim of the fire.

Guinness, Philip, 5 years old, youngest child; said to have been killed in the fire.

Lindblom, Olaf, 35 years old, of Wisconsin; employed by Mrs. Guinness on the farm. When he disappeared Mrs. Guinness gave it out that he had gone to Norway.

Gerhart, Eric, 40 years old, of Wisconsin; worked five months for Mrs. Guinness; then he disappeared.

Man from Ohio, 50 years old, name not learned; worked on the farm and owned a horse and buggy. Disappeared and Mrs. Guinness fell heir to the horse and buggy.

In the arrest of Ray Lamphere, a

May 5, A. K. Helgelein finds body of brother buried near house, Jennie Olson's body also found.

Nine unidentified bodies of men and children are found, buried near house. Most bodies lie on mattresses under four feet of earth.

May 6, Joe Maxson, farm hand, tells police he dug holes on orders of Mrs. Guinness, but never filled them.

Expressmen tell police of mysterious arrival at farm of many big trunks.

former servant of the woman. Sheriff Smulzer believes, some light may be thrown upon the circumstances surrounding the deaths of at least some of the victims.

Lamphere before the fire had trouble with Mrs. Guinness. He had declared about town she was trying to "get rid" of him because he knew too much. He has told several conflicting stories concerning his relations with the woman and his presence in the neighborhood of the Guinness home the night it burned.

The discovery of the bodies led expressmen to tell of the delivery of five trunks to the Guinness farm during the last six months. This fact has caused the authorities to incline to the theory that the place may have been a "clearing-house" for murders. They suspect that wealthy persons, after being lured to Chicago and killed, may have been packed into these trunks, sent to Laporte and disposed of there. Lamphere in his cell declared Mrs. Guinness frequently asked him to buy poison for her. She wanted chloroform, he said.

Four of the bodies were found buried in a refuse pile about 150 feet from the house, while another body was dug up within a few feet of the ruined home. It is the opinion of Coroner Mack and physicians who examined the bodies that they were burned after death. Helgelein was easily identified by his brother, although the remains had been badly mutilated. The body of the other man shows a red mustache.

The discovery of the bodies primarily was due to the efforts of Mr. Helgelein, of Mansfield, S. D., brother of Andrew. The former had known of his brother's correspondence with Mrs. Guinness and of the latter's trip to Laporte. When the brother arrived in Laporte he demanded a thorough search of the Guinness' premises. Two weeks ago he had been informed in a letter written by Mrs. Guinness that his brother had gone to Norway.

Mrs. Guinness' Matrimonial Ad.  
Personal—Comely widow, who owns large farm in one of the finest districts in La Porte county, Indiana, desires to make the acquaintance of gentleman equally well provided, with views of joining fortunes. No replies by letter considered unless sender is willing to follow answer with personal visit.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.  
An ice cream factory is the latest addition to the American plant in the Panama canal zone.  
President Castro of Venezuela has ordered the port of La Guayra closed because of three deaths and twelve cases of a mysterious tubercular fever there.

The largest single Easter church offering in New York was \$158,000 at Grace church. It included a \$40,000 memorial fund, to be used for endowment of a home for aged men.

Half a hundred survivors—practically all there are left—of the Ninth New York volunteers, more commonly known as Hawkins' Zouaves, held their annual reunion at the Hotel Astor, New York.

The department of municipal engineering at Washington is planning a complete system of macadam roads for the canal zone and work is being pushed forward rapidly. In the vicinity of Panama there have been constructed since American occupation about eight miles of macadam roads.